

## AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as shown in the following listing of claims, which will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1.-33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) An electronic inflation-adjusted financial instrument stored in a data storage device comprising:

a principal component stored in a data storage device, the principal component being periodically adjusted for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to obtain an inflation-adjusted principal component;

an accrual component stored in a data storage device, the accrual component including an interest rate fixed for a term of the financial instrument;

wherein periodic interest payments are paid based on the inflation-adjusted principal component at the time said periodic interest payments are paid; and

wherein the inflation-adjusted principal component is payable at the end of the term.

35. (Currently Amended) The electronic inflation-adjusted financial instrument of claim 34, wherein said Consumer Price Index (CPI) comprises the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U).

36. (Currently Amended) The electronic inflation-adjusted financial instrument of claim 34, wherein said financial instrument comprises a debt instrument.

37. (Currently Amended) The electronic inflation-adjusted financial instrument of claim 36, wherein said debt instrument comprises a bond, a certificate of deposit or an annuity account.

38. (Currently Amended) An electronic inflation-adjusted financial instrument stored in a data storage device comprising:

a principal component stored in a data storage device;

an accrual component stored in a data storage device, the accrual component having fixed

and variable interest components payable periodically, said variable interest component being adjusted for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI);  
and

wherein the principal component is payable at the end of a term of the financial instrument.

39. (Currently Amended) The electronic inflation-adjusted financial instrument of claim 38, wherein said Consumer Price Index (CPI) comprises the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U).

40. (Currently Amended) The electronic inflation-adjusted financial instrument of claim 38, wherein said financial instrument comprises a debt instrument.

41. (Currently Amended) The electronic inflation-adjusted financial instrument of claim [[38]] 40, wherein said debt instrument comprises a bond, a certificate of deposit or an annuity account.

42.-45. (Canceled)

46. (New) A dataprocessor suitably configured to:  
periodically adjust a principal component of a financial instrument for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to obtain an inflation-adjusted principal component;  
compute an accrual component of said financial instrument, said accrual component including an interest rate fixed for a term of the financial instrument;  
wherein periodic interest payments are paid based on the inflation-adjusted principal component at the time said periodic interest payments are paid; and  
wherein the inflation-adjusted principal component is payable at the end of the term.

47. (New) The dataprocessor of claim 46, wherein said Consumer Price Index (CPI) comprises the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U).

48. (New) The dataprocessor of claim 46, wherein said financial instrument comprises a debt instrument.
49. (New) The dataprocessor of claim 48, wherein said debt instrument comprises a bond, a certificate of deposit or an annuity account.
50. (New) A dataprocessor suitably configured to:  
compute a principal component of a financial instrument;  
compute an accrual component of said financial instrument, said accrual component having fixed and variable interest components payable periodically, said variable interest component being adjusted by said dataprocessor for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and  
wherein the principal component is payable at the end of a term of the financial instrument.
51. (New) The dataprocessor of claim 50, wherein said Consumer Price Index (CPI) comprises the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U).
52. (New) The dataprocessor of claim 50, wherein said financial instrument comprises a debt instrument.
53. (New) The dataprocessor of claim 52, wherein said debt instrument comprises a bond, a certificate of deposit or an annuity account.
54. (New) A method for adjusting a financial instrument for inflation comprising:  
periodically adjusting a principal component of said financial instrument for inflation, the periodically adjusting performed by a dataprocessor based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to obtain an inflation-adjusted principal component;  
computing an accrual component of said financial instrument, said accrual component including an interest rate fixed for a term of the financial instrument, said computing performed by the dataprocessor;  
wherein periodic interest payments are paid based on the inflation-adjusted principal

component at the time said periodic interest payments are paid; and  
wherein the inflation-adjusted principal component is payable at the end of the term.

55. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein said Consumer Price Index (CPI) comprises the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U).

56. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein said financial instrument comprises a debt instrument.

57. (New) The method of claim 56, wherein said debt instrument comprises a bond, a certificate of deposit or an annuity account.

58. (New) A method for adjusting a financial instrument for inflation comprising:  
computing a principal component of said financial instrument, said computing performed  
by a dataprocessor;  
computing an accrual component of said financial instrument, said accrual component  
having fixed and variable interest components payable periodically, said variable  
interest component being adjusted for inflation based on the Consumer Price  
Index (CPI), said computing performed by the dataprocessor; and  
wherein the principal component is payable at the end of a term of the financial  
instrument.

59. (New) The method of claim 58, wherein said Consumer Price Index (CPI) comprises the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U).

60. (New) The method of claim 58, wherein said financial instrument comprises a debt instrument.

61. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein said debt instrument comprises a bond, a certificate of deposit or an annuity account.